

I am concerned to hear that the FCC is considering the establishment of a ruling that would weaken existing state telephone privacy legislation.

As a resident of Indiana I signed up the the Indiana no-call list as soon as it was available and have seen the number of unwanted telephone solicitations fall from at LEAST five per day to about one per week (from the organizations exempted from the list). This has not only saved my wife and I significant time in checking to see who is calling (we don't answer the phone if caller ID shows up as unknown) but it has allowed us to answer the phone again to talk to those people with which we want to converse rather than screening the calls through the answering machine. As the parents of a toddler we really appreciate this extra time.

I think it is reasonable for the FCC to set some MINIMUM criteria for unwanted solicitation calls that any state laws must adhere to but it would be a great step backwards to limit or repeal existing state legislation that is currently working well for the citizens of Indiana and other states.

I realize that many in the direct marketing industry are lobbying to maintain access to me through my phone and cite rulings related to direct mailing. However there is a significant difference with mail - I can throw it away on my schedule. It doesn't interrupt my time with my family to discard it. I hold that family time dear and consider it an unacceptable inconvenience to have to deal with marketers at their convenience.